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The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. President:

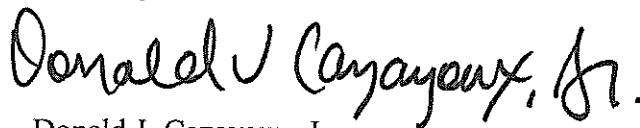
On September 13, 2008, Hurricane Ike made landfall and caused severe damage throughout your home state of Texas, as well as in south Louisiana. Residents in Livingston Parish who were reeling from Hurricane Gustav face the long road to recovery and are in desperate need of federal assistance.

I urge and request that you amend your major disaster declaration to include all forms of assistance for Livingston Parish. The southern portion of Livingston Parish is adjacent to Lake Maurepas and its tributaries and is in the coastal zone of Louisiana. These communities experienced widespread flooding and damage caused by Hurricane Ike's massive storm surge and rain.

As all of the Gulf Coast recovers from these two natural disasters, it is my hope that we do not leave any community in need behind. I urge you to direct FEMA to expedite any evaluation of the conditions in Livingston Parish and, by working in coordination with the State of Louisiana, include these communities in your major disaster declaration for Hurricane Ike.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Donald J. Cazayoux, Jr.
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cc: The Honorable Bobby Jindal, Governor
State of Louisiana